

Notice of Exemption

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From:
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

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State Clearinghouse Number: 2021100541

Project Title: Garden Grove Well 21 PFAS IX Water Treatment Plant (Project)

Project Address: 12252 West Street, Garden Grove, CA

Project Description:

Construction of a new treatment facility at existing Well 21 & Westhave Reservoirs site to remove PFAS contaminants from the source water. The facility features an ion-exchange (IX) system to remove PFAS and also includes bag pre-filter and chlorine disinfection systems. The facility will treat up to 3,500 gpm of water from the well and deliver it into the City's distribution system.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued Domestic Water Supply Permit for the described project on 11/09/2021. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water District Office noted above.

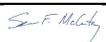
Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption(s)

CCR, Title 14, Div. 6, Ch.3, Article 19, Sec. 15303: Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Reason why project is exempt:

None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the project.

Signature:  Digitally signed by Sean F. McCarthy
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

TO: California State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Garden Grove PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project

Project Locations: The Project would consist of facilities that would be located at five (5) separate locations in the City of Garden Grove as detailed below.

- **Garden Grove Well No.19.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Orangewood Avenue and Dolan Street.
- **Lampson Reservoir.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located south of Jerry Lane between Oakwood Street and Elmwood Street
- **Garden Grove Well No. 21.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located at a dedicated site within a portion of Westhaven Park adjacent to West Street.
- **Garden Grove Well No. 30.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Otis Avenue and Haster Street.
- **Garden Grove Well No. 29.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located adjacent to Haster street west of the intersection with Bedford.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the installation of small treatment plants at each of the five existing City of Garden groundwater production well sites for the treatment of PFAS contaminants. The treatment plants would use an ion exchange (IX) treatment protocol through the use of cartridge filtration and IX vessels. New cartridge filters and IX treatment vessels would be installed at all five well sites. New booster pumps would be added at well sites 19, 29 and 30 to accommodate the changed hydrologics introduced by the treatment facilities. New and/or replacement security fencing is proposed at the well sites to prohibit public access to the treatment components. Each of the five sites have been previously disturbed by the development of the existing groundwater production wells, the Project would not require any new ground disturbances. The facilities would treat water pumped from the existing production wells and would convey it to existing water distribution pipelines for potable water consumption. The Project would not require any native vegetation removal and each facility is located within highly urbanized portions of the City of Garden Grove.